

Action Cryptograms — Set 10

6 puzzles · Large print · answers on the last page

Every letter has been swapped for another letter. The same cipher letter always stands for the same letter, and no letter ever stands for itself. Write your answer in the blank under each letter. Answers are on the last page.

1. Clue: I = H

Expert · 46 letters

I F I W G F B S L R I J S

M S A I S I S N M G J I F

I W B M N F S H J I F

H O V T B R - Q W B .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

2. Clue: W = O

Medium · 46 letters

X B X J

J U B X J Q U D B X W V B W U

L U V B W N W B R H

T O W T H O C W O I J W Q U

L U V .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

3. Clue: Q = T

Expert · 47 letters

L R O R Q Z P Q Z D V I
Q X R C E G M Q Y R V O Y
Q R N V J G Q G O
Q X R C D Z O L K G Z M D .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

4. Clue: K = A

Hard · 47 letters

K G E F V L P V X E D W
M K P E K B W K A W M F H W
K M I K L K G P V X E D W
M K P E R W K A .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

5. Clue: U = O

Expert · 47 letters

S I S T U F G W

T D V G G U Z C R U C G R

Z D U L U F U I M E L B R

K W V C C R V H V F A R T .

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

6. Clue: Z = O

Hard · 47 letters

Q A H D U A M V L R D L S

X Z H H Z P V L R S Z P K E E

K L Z W R M, X W U L Z U

T Z H E Z L R.

Decoder — write your answer under each cipher letter:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Solver's cheat sheet

Most common letters	E T A O I N S H R D L U
Most common 1-letter words	A I
Most common 2-letter words	OF TO IN IT IS BE AS AT SO WE HE BY OR ON DO IF ME MY UP AN GO NO US AM
Most common 3-letter words	THE AND FOR ARE BUT NOT YOU ALL ANY CAN HER WAS ONE OUR OUT DAY GET HAS HIM HIS HOW MAN NEW NOW OLD SEE TWO WAY WHO BOY DID ITS LET PUT SAY SHE TOO USE
Common double letters	LL EE SS OO TT FF RR NN PP CC
Common word endings	-ING -ION -ENT -TION -LY -ED -ER -EST
After an apostrophe	T (don't) S (it's) RE (we're) VE (I've) LL (we'll) D (I'd)

Answer key

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1. "He has enough to do who holds the handle of the frying-pan."

— *French proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

Cipher key: A=W B=N C=M D=X E=V F=E G=S H=F I=H J=T K=C L=U M=D N=L O=R P=Z Q=P R=G S=O T=I
U=K V=Y W=A X=Q Y=B Z=J

2. "It is satisfaction to a man to do the proper works of a man."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=Y B=T C=W D=C E=L F=G G=B H=E I=K J=S K=J L=M M=Q N=D O=R P=Z Q=F R=H S=X T=P
U=A V=N W=O X=I Y=U Z=V

3. "Do not act as if thou wert going to live ten thousand years."

— *Marcus Aurelius, 1862, Meditations (George Long translation, 1862)*

Cipher key: A=Z B=X C=U D=S E=W F=P G=E H=M I=F J=V K=Y L=D M=R N=L O=N P=C Q=T R=O S=J T=K
U=Q V=I W=B X=H Y=G Z=A

4. "Actions of the last age are like almanacs of the last year."

— *Sir John Denham, 1642, The Sophy, A Tragedy (in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, 9th ed., 1891)*

Cipher key: A=R B=G C=W D=H E=T F=I G=C H=K I=M J=V K=A L=N M=L N=X O=J P=S Q=Z R=Y S=B T=Q
U=D V=O W=E X=F Y=U Z=P

5. "It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances."

— *Oscar Wilde, 1891, The Picture of Dorian Gray*

Cipher key: A=C B=G C=P D=H E=U F=N G=L H=R I=T J=X K=B L=D M=J N=F O=Q P=K Q=V R=E S=I T=S
U=O V=A W=Y X=M Y=Z Z=W

6. "Scratching and borrowing do well enough, but not for long."

— *German proverb, 1857, Recorded with English translation in Henry G. Bohn, A Polyglot of Foreign Proverbs (London, 1857)*

Cipher key: A=C B=M C=Z D=A E=L F=Q G=V H=R I=P J=Y K=E L=N M=H N=K O=J P=W Q=S R=G S=D T=F
U=T V=I W=U X=B Y=X Z=O